## DEATHS FROM MENINGITIS INCREASING

Board of Health Will Ask for Fund to Investigate This Strange Disease.

#### MORTALITY JUMPING UP.

Only 107 Deaths in All of 1903. While Last Month Alone Total Exceeded that Figure.

Not Only Little Children, but Adults as Well, Now Victims of Mysterious Malady.

spinal meningitis in the past year has centred the attention of the medical world. So little is known of the disease, and its spread has taken such a serious aspect, that the Board of Health has called upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate a small sum to enable the department to make a special investigation into the mysterious sources of

In 1903 there were only 107 deaths from spinal meningitis in New York, whereas last year there were 1,211 deaths. Last month there were 140 deaths, and each day the mortality rate is increasing. In February of last year there were twenty-three deaths. In more than 90 per cent, of the cases where disease fully develops death results. No Known Remedy.

most alarming feature of the present increase of the disease is that there is no known method of treatment that can be relled on. In fact there are many treatments, all more or less experimental. As far as medi cal science has progressed in the study of cerebro spinal meningitis it is known that it is contagious. It is a germ disease, and the germ is believed to enter the nostrils and find shelter in the brain. No anti-toxin has been discovered that can combat the ravares of the disease.

In the past little children have suf fered most from the disorder when it a contagious stage. Now adults. as well are victims of its spread. So far it has not developed in any one Only the tenement districts sians draw the conclusion that lack of anitary appliances and personal neglect may have a powerful influence in dis-

Increase of 300 Per Cent.

From day to day, beginning at the subset of the present year, the death rate for cerebro spinal meningitis has increased 300 per cent. Board of Health inspectors have tried in vain to find some single quarter of the city where the death rate is highest. Their efforts have been unrewarded, as the cases are scattered over the entire area of the city—that is, in the tenement-house sections.

All of the hospitals take cases of cerabro spinal meningitis, but there is no
one institution in the city that makes a
specialty of treating such cases. It is
the hope of Health Commissioner Darlington that the Board of Estimate and
Apportionment will allow him a sum
sufficient to make an exhaustive study
of the disease. He said to-day to an
Evening World reporter:
"There is sufficient occasion for grave
slarm over the spread of this disease.
Its mysterious nature and the enormous
mortality percentage makes it well
worthy of the most drastic investigation. So far we are able to do nothing
to prevent its spread, and if the increase
continues much longer extraordinary
measures will have to be employed, or
we will find ourselves face to face with
a plague in a singularly virulent form."

## YELLOW JACK **UNDER CONTROL**

Dr. Reed Says American Sanitary Officers Have Danger of Epidemic Reduced to a Minimum—Delay in Supplies.

Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati. a member of the joint commission appinted to adjust property disputes between the United States and Panama, and who has just returned from the lethmus, says sanitary conditions in Pamama are being improved as rapidly as could be expected. The delay has been due to nen-arrival of construction material ordered in the United States.
While there has been considerable yellow fever on the Isthmus. Dr. Reed says the health authorities apparently had the estuation will in hand when ne salled from Colon a week ago.

There have been just thirty-six cases, with twelve deaths, since July 13, when the first case was reported," said Dr. Reed. "Colon is not infacted."

"Everything that intelligence and energy can do with the limited facilities available is being done to stamp out the disease. The water works and sewage system that ought to have been in place last December are not yet in stalled because of dilatoriness in get-ting pipe to the Isthmus. This makes it impossible to suppress water barrels and other disease-breeding centres. The city is, however, being very thoroughly fumigated, the streets are being kept clean and garbage is being disposed of by our sanitary officers."

Mrs. Maybrick on American Prisons In next sunday's New York Wor'd, first of a series of remarkable articles by the American woman who was re-cently pardoned after spending fifteen years in English prisons, and who has been investigating leading American prisons. Illustrated with striking photo-

# RHINO ON TOAST AT

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CANADIAN BANQUET.

Piqued by the Toothsome Dinosaur Novelty at a Recent Natural

Ristory Dinner, They Have Branched Out in the

Freak Food Line Themselves.

Of cases of night-fillio induced by delving too deeply into this excelled dish by epicures undecoustomed to it and will may dream that small-sized monageness are sitting on their stomachs. disparting playfully the while. Grover Cleveland has been invited to join the juagle banqueters and assist in disposing of a side of film on toast. Other strange animals and dishes have been scheduled for the event, and are said to be of such an atarming and unusual nature that they will not be released for publication until the guests have been corralled and the doors locked. Piqued by the Toothsome Dinosaur Novelty at a Recent Natural

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And hunters garly dine—oh,
Will they be filled with strange new aches
Or fond of good old rhino?
When Morris Jesup, J. Pierpont Mor-

can and a few other epicures had a "Dinosaur tea" a short time ago and eft the dinosaur ploked to the bone in the Hall of Dinosaurs, at the Natural History Museum, they struck a barbed shaft of jealousy into the bosoms of the Canadian camp. The supply of dinoeaurs for dinners and teas is rather limited; in fact, not to be found in every ice-box ready to serve, and despairing at dining on juicy dinosaur steaks, the Canadians did the next best thing they could and billed a fresh-picked rhinoc-"NO ANTI-TOXIN DISCOVERY. eros for their annual dinner at the Hotal



Rhinoceri do not figure regularly on the Astor's culsine, and the hotel atendants became quite peevish after anthe past few days regarding the price per plate at which customers could negotiate some of the tropical meat. The gotiate some of the tropical meat. The hotel people had trouble of their own getting his rhinoship Indoors with the aid of a detrick after his arrival on upper Broadway in a stone-boat, off the ship from Berlin.

Chef Was Unhappy.

The chef was anything but happy when he grappled with the prepara-tion of the rhino. In far off Milalla, by India's coral Mozembque, hard



strand, when the hungry villagers wish to shift from a vegetarian diet they lead a rhinocerous out of the pen and, after giving him his quietus with spear, they build a fire under him for the barbecue. The building boom has not been so keen in Mlalla's busiest sections as to interfere with improvising a broiler at any spot in that well known resort, but Broadway bon-fires are controlled exclusively by gas and asphalt repair gangs and the sight of a rhino being barbecued in Long-

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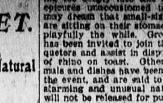
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